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Dear Mr. Jossup;

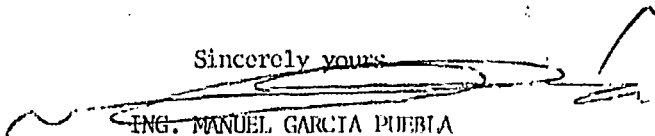
The Ecology Center of Sonora is initiating ecological studies and conservation programs of the Sonoran pronghorn. There are less than 100 remaining in Sonora; it is listed as an endangered species.

We propose to relocate this subspecies on Tiburón Island. Ecological surveys would be initiated in spring 1986 and the pronghorn would be released in winter 1986 or early 1987. The island offers an excellent release site since it is uninhabited and is a national park. There is ample habitat for pronghorn. The only other ungulates on the island are mule deer and desert bighorn sheep; the only predators are coyotes and hence predator control might have to be initiated at the release site. All released pronghorn would be radiocollared to facilitate relocation; a full time technician would be hired to keep track of all animals.

Unfortunately, the present economic conditions in México have greatly restricted the funds available for wildlife research and conservation. No funding for research was apportioned to the Ecology Center. We are seeking funding to support wildlife field studies including the pronghorn release project. We would appreciate any assistance that International Wildlife Veterinary Services could offer in this matter.

If we can ever be any assistance to you, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,


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